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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 – 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A protective cover which is intended for a sporting rifle comprising screws which are used to fix a shell propulsion mechanism to a rifle support, characterised in that the cover has the protective cover comprising:

a main body having a predetermined dimensions in function of the length and width corresponding to a length and width of an area to be covered on the rifle support, said the area to be covered including the heads of the screws that fix the shell propulsion mechanism to the rifle support; and because it also comprises

means for a fixing device that fixes the cover main body to the mentioned sporting rifle area to be covered, wherein the fixing device comprises one or more deformable protrusions configured to push-fit mate with one or more corresponding recesses.

13. (Currently Amended) A-The protective cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that wherein the main body is configured in size and shape such that at least

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part of a perimeter portion thereof mates with support has a recess formed on part of its an exterior surface of the rifle support that coincides, at least partially, with the area to be covered, with such a shape and size that at least part of the perimeter portion of the cover mates with the said recess.

14. (Currently Amended) A-The protective cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that it also includes some means of further comprising a positioning device configured to position the cover main body on its interior face with respect to the rifle support.

15. (Currently Amended) A-The protective cover in accordance with claim 14, characterised in that wherein the said means of positioning are formed by device comprises at least two projections on the said an interior face of the cover that are able main body configured to fit into at least two blind orifices on the rifle support.

16. (Currently Amended) A-The protective cover in accordance with claim 12, characterised in that it wherein the main body is transversally convex towards the an exterior thereof and longitudinally elongated.

17. (Currently Amended) A-The protective cover in accordance with claim 12,

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~~characterised in that wherein~~ at least part of its ~~the~~ exterior surface ~~of the main body~~ is smooth and can bear graphic printed information on its ~~the~~ exterior surface.

18. (Currently Amended) A The protective cover in accordance with claim 12, ~~characterised in that it is in wherein the cover comprises~~ a single piece obtained through ~~formed by the injection molding of a~~ plastic material.

19. (Currently Amended) A The protective cover in accordance with claim 12, ~~characterised in that wherein the said means of securing consists of fixing device comprises at least two deformable protrusions push-fit, elastic fitting pins and because the support for the rifle comprises configured to push-fit mate with~~ at least two housings recesses that receive and fit around the ~~deformable protrusions said pins~~.

20. (Currently Amended) A The protective cover in accordance with claim 19, ~~characterised in that wherein the said at least two deformable protrusions pins are comprise four deformable protrusions~~.

21. (Currently Amended) A The protective cover in accordance with claim 19, ~~characterised in that wherein the said pins deformable protrusions have a mushroom shape~~.

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22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A sporting rifle comprising the protective cover of claim 12.

24. (New) A rifle, comprising:

a rifle support;

a shell propulsion mechanism;

screws that fix the shell propulsion mechanism to the rifle support; and

a protective cover configured to cover an area on the rifle support including heads

of the screws to protect a user therefrom, the protective cover comprising:

a main body having a predetermined length and width corresponding to a

length and width of the area to be covered on the rifle support; and

a fixing device that fixes the main body to the area to be covered, wherein

the fixing device comprises one or more deformable protrusions configured to push-fit mate

with one or more corresponding recesses.

25. (New) The rifle in accordance with claim 24, wherein the main body is configured in size and shape such that at least part of a perimeter portion thereof mates with a recess formed on an exterior surface of the rifle support.

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26. (New) The rifle in accordance with claim 24, further comprising a positioning device configured to position the main body on the rifle support.

27. (New) The rifle in accordance with claim 24, wherein the main body is transversally convex towards an exterior thereof and longitudinally elongated.

28. (New) The rifle in accordance with claim 24, wherein at least part of the exterior surface of the main body is smooth and can bear graphic printed information on the exterior surface.

29. (New) The rifle in accordance with claim 24, wherein the cover comprises a single piece formed by injection molding a plastic material.

30. (New) The rifle in accordance with claim 24, wherein the fixing device comprises at least two deformable protrusions configured to push-fit mate with at least two recesses that receive and fit around the deformable protrusions.

31. (New) The rifle in accordance with claim 30, wherein the deformable protrusions have a mushroom shape.

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32. (New) A rifle, comprising:

a rifle support;

a shell propulsion mechanism;

screws that fix the shell propulsion mechanism to the rifle support; and

a protective cover configured to cover an area on the rifle support including heads

of the screws to protect a user therefrom, the protective cover comprising:

a main body having a predetermined length and width corresponding to a

length and width of the area to be covered on the rifle support; and

a fixing device that fixes the main body to the area to be covered, wherein

the fixing device comprises an adhesive material.